

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT, on January 22, 2009 at 9 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 190, 1/12/2009

Executive Action: None

EXHIBIT (bus15a011) State Auditor's Letter pertaining to
questions on SB 176 heard in this committee on
1/21/09.

HEARING ON SB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:02 **SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33**, opened the hearing on **SB 190**, Bed tax for heritage sites, historic preservation, and travel Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:53 Sen. Lynda Moss, SD 26, Billings

00:12:05 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance

EXHIBIT (bus15a02)

00:18:19 Kate Hampton, National Trust for Historic Preservation
EXHIBIT (bus15a03)

00:20:24 Alan Nichelson, Helena Citizen

00:24:50 Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs, Historian

00:26:16 Mike Casey, Commercial Real Estate Broker, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:50 Steve Wahrlich, Billings, President, Downtown Billings Partnership

00:32:52 Mary Whittinghill, President, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:36:11 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

00:39:13 Drew Geiger, Montana Car Rental Association

00:39:45 Bruce MacIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT (bus15a04)

00:40:53 David Smith, President, CEO, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

00:41:57 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:42:18 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Federation of Independent Business

00:42:46 Rhonda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chambers of Commerce

00:43:45 Mike Mergenthaler, Helena Convention and Tourism Bureau

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:03 Sen. Jackson
00:47:36 Sen. Hawks
00:47:58 Sen. Keane
00:49:05 Mr. Doggett
00:49:20 Chairman Balyeat
00:50:07 Sen. Hawks
00:51:14 Chairman Balyeat
00:51:23 Sen. Barkus
00:51:38 Sen. Hawks
00:53:58 Sen. Barkus
00:54:04 Mr. Doggett
00:54:41 Sen. Barkus
00:55:53 Sen. Hawks
00:55:55 Sen. Squires
00:56:25 Chairman Balyeat
00:58:55 Ms. Whittinghill
00:59:14 Chairman Balyeat
00:59:54 Ms. Jiusto
01:04:01 Chairman Balyeat
01:04:11 Ms. Hampton
01:06:19 Chairman Balyeat
01:06:52 Sen. Hawks
01:07:41 Chairman Balyeat
01:07:46 Ms. Jiusto
01:08:20 Sen. Windy Boy
01:09:22 Ms. Jiusto
01:11:04 Sen. Barkus
01:11:27 Ms. Jiusto

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:22 Sen. Hawks
01:18:16 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:40 A.M.

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus15aad.pdf](#))